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The Communist Party and other organizations are continuing their efforts to force the United States to change its present policy toward Vietnam. There is set forth below a summary of current and planned future activity through which they hope to accomplish this end.

Jeannette Rankin Brigade

It was previously reported that the Jeannette Rankin Brigade, a nationwide group of women who are opposed to the war in Vietnam, will sponsor a demonstration in Washington, D. C., on January 15, 1968, to petition Congress to end the war in Vietnam.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the members of the Brigade from San Francisco had tentatively chartered a plane to transport its members to this demonstration. These plans have been canceled as the San Francisco group was unable to obtain enough individuals to attend the demonstration to justify a chartered flight.

Zena Druckman and Hazel Grossman, both residents of the San Francisco area and who have been identified as Communist Party members in the past, have made arrangements to participate in this demonstration. Vivian Hallinan, also a resident of the San Francisco area and Executive Secretary of the Brigade, will participate in the demonstration. Terence Hallinan, the son of Vivian Hallinan who is a member of the Communist Party, Northern District of California, stated in October, 1962, that his mother would be willing to join the Communist Party if her husband would also join.

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This source further stated that the demonstrators would present a petition to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and request that he present the petition to the House of Representatives as the first order of business when the Congress reconvenes.

Mrs. Nancy S. Pendergrast, the Atlanta, Georgia, coordinator for the Brigade, has advised that the Brigade will hold a workshop on the evening of January 15, 1968, in Washington, D. C., at which time they will make plans for the next day's activities which will include contact of their Congressmen.

Mrs. Coretta King, the wife of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and a national sponsor of the Brigade, is expected to join Jeannette Rankin as part of a 50-woman national delegation to attend the opening day of Congress.

Other Demonstrations

A San Antonio National Security Seminar is scheduled to be held at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, between January 8-19, 1968, conducted by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D. C. Military sponsors for the Seminar are the Fourth Air Force Reserve Region, Fourth United States Army, and the Eighth Naval District. Governor John Connally of Texas is scheduled to give the keynote speech at the opening day of the Seminar.

The San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam, at a meeting held December 28, 1967, agreed to picket the Seminar on a daily basis to voice opposition to present United States policy in Vietnam. Pickets will not demonstrate on University property for fear of arrest but will conduct their demonstrations near the University.

The San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam is a group in opposition to United States policy in Vietnam.

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On January 3, 1968, approximately 40 individuals gathered in front of the United States Courthouse, Foley Square, New York, New York, carrying signs and placards protesting the war in Vietnam and announcing "April 3-- the next day of draft card turn-in." The demonstration was sponsored by The Resistance, a group which opposes the draft. During the demonstration, several participants burned papers which were alleged to be Selective Service documents.

Leonard Brody, a member of The Resistance and a spokesman for the group, announced that the demonstration was held in support of Alan Haifley who he stated was going on trial in Denver, Colorado, for refusing induction into the armed forces.

On January 3, 1968, 10 youths demonstrated in front of the Federal Courts Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This group carried placards reading "End the Draft" and "We Support Alan Haifley." During the demonstration, two of the participants entered the building and presented Assistant United States Attorney J. Earl Cudd with a statement which supported Haifley. One of the signers of this document was Frank Verrall, Jr., who before his resignation in March, 1967, was a member of the District Board, Minnesota-Dakotas District, Communist Party, USA.

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